**Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is more important for students to understand ideas and concepts than it is for them to learn facts. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.**

There is no doubt that nowadays, students can easily access to various facts by internet so it doesn’t seem necessary to learn facts by heart. Also, facts might be voided over time. In what follows, I will try to provide some reasons to support my statement.

First, these days facts are more available than anytime in human’s history. students don’t have to memorize facts because they can easily find anything we want in internet. In days of yore, there were no internet and few people access references which were only found in libraries so students learnt facts by heart.

Second, I am of the opinion that realizing is more important than memorizing so understanding concepts and ideas is more significant than learning facts. In fact, understanding ideas helps students to be more creative and use their imagination to create new ideas. I personally prefer a creative open mind than a messed-up brain full of memorized facts. A well-organized and open mind is not only good at creating new ideas but also good at problem solving. Understanding concepts helps students to understand and remember facts easier. The Italian doctor and teacher Maria Montessori believes in training students’ creativity and self-esteem. therefore, her learning method emphasize understanding ideas and active learning. I must say I concur with her.

Last but not least, facts are not always true. they can be outdated by new explorations and inventions over time. Also, when students understand concepts well, they can create new facts by their own in the future.

In conclusion, I think now it becomes unequivocal why understanding concepts and ideas is more important than memorizing facts.